



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
HUNGER ACTION MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2009

WHEREAS, North Dakota is the top producer in the United States of spring wheat, barley, dry edible beans and other crops, yet one in twelve North Dakotans utilize the charitable feeding network on an annual basis; and

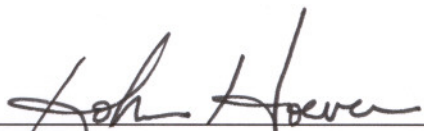
WHEREAS, areas of North Dakota are currently under-served by the charitable feeding network; and

WHEREAS, hunger diminishes the health and quality of life of individuals of all ages, restricts people's abilities to be productive citizens, and compromises the learning of children; and

WHEREAS, the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition is working strategically to address the needs of clients, fill geographical gaps in service delivery, loosen constraints faced by providers and break down barriers people encounter accessing the charitable feeding network; and

WHEREAS, food shelves, soup kitchens, the North Dakota food bank, emergency shelters, senior meals programs, children's advocacy groups, businesses, government agencies, health providers, statewide coalitions, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly, the North Dakota Executive branch, faith-based organizations, concerned youth and dedicated individuals are all working to curb hunger in North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2009, **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State